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SUBJECT: RENEGOTIATION OF US-GOR CULTURAL RELATIONS

AGREEMENT - 1975 DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM

REF: BUCHAREST 4485 AND PREVIOUS

1. CU/EE HAS REVIEWED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 1975 IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM (YOUR ARTICLES I, III AND VIII REFTEL). IN OUR RESPONSE, WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE HIGH COSTS OF THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR BUDGETARY RESTRAINT AND THE URGENCY OF DEFINING HIGHEST PRIORITY EXCHANGES. (EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ESTIMATED AT DOLS 816,150, COMPARED TO OUR PROPOSALS FOR CY-1975 OF DOLS 632,200 AND THE FY-1974 ACTUAL OF DOLS 537,561.)

2. ARTICLE I. PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES.

1.A. WE CONCUR WITH 35 STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS AND WILL USE THE 1972 BREAKDOWN (17 GRADUATE STUDENTS OR YOUNG INSTRUCTORS AND 18 RESEARCH SCHOLARS.) TO ELIMINATE ANY AMBIGUITY, DOCTORAL CANDIDATES WOULD BE COUNTED WITHIN THE 35 LIMIT. THE CURRENT AGREEMENT (ARTICLE I, PARA 1A) APPEARS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. AND BE FUNDED BY CU FOR UP TO 3

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YEARS.

B. CONCUR WITH 10 FACULTY MEMBERS OR EDUCATIONAL OFFICIALS.

C. WE PLAN TO DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH SINCE THE SUMMER COURSE FOR ROMANIAN STUDENT GRANTEES IN THE US IS A STANDARD PART OF THEIR GRANT, AND BECAUSE SOME US GRANTEES HAVE QUESTIONED THE UTILITY OF THE SIMILAR COURSE IN ROMANIA.

2. WE WOULD CONTINUE AT CURRENT LEVEL OF 8 PROFESSORS AND SPECIALISTS.

3. WE CONCUR WITH SUGGESTION OF SENDING 3 U.S. JUNIOR LECTURERS TO ROMANIA, BUT WISH TO AVOID A RECIPROCAL COMMITMENT FOR ROMANIANS AS THERE IS LITTLE INTEREST FOR ROMANIAN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS IN THE U.S.

4. WE DO NOT WISH TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO SECONDARY

SCHOOL TEACHER EXCHANGE UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY EXPLORE INTERESTS AND POSSIBILITIES WITH THE ROMANIANS DURING NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THIS PARAGRAPH ALREADY COVERED IN NEW DRAFT AGREEMENT GENERAL TERMS AND INCLUSION IN PROGRAM NOT NECESSARY.

6. CONCUR WITH EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR 3-6 ROMANIAN PARTICIPANTS.

ARTICLE III - PERFORMING AND CREATIVE ARTS

1. COVERED IN DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT.

2. CONCUR WITH EXCHANGE OF 4 CULTURAL SPECIALISTS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MORE INFORMATION ON THE SPECIALIZED STUDY OR VISITS OF THESE FIVE GRADUATE STUDENTS. AS MATTER OF PRINCIPAL, THE BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS OBJECTS TO SUCH SHORT TERM ACADEMIC GRANTS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. COVERED IN DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT.

5. CONCUR WITH PARTICIPATION OF 2 WRITERS IN IOWA UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM.

6. COVERED IN DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE VIII - GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL, PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC
EXCHANGES

1. COVERED IN DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT.

2. WE PROPOSE 4 IV GRANTS FOR YOUNG ROMANIAN POLITICAL
LEADERS, AND UP TO 6 IV GRANTS FOR POLITICAL LEADERS AT
30 DAYS EACH.

3. COVERED IN DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT. WE ARE NOT
PROPOSING SPECIFIC GRANTS FOR THIS EXCHANGE.

3. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL RESULT IN
A CONSIDERABLY SHORTER AND MORE BUSINESS LIKE IMPLEMENTING
PROGRAM BY INCLUDING ONLY THOSE EXCHANGES FOR WHICH A
SPECIFIC NUMBER OF US OR ROMANIAN GRANTS ARE COMMITTED,
AND BY DELETING REFERENCES TO OTHER EXCHANGES WHICH ARE
PROVIDED FOR IN NEW DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT. THIS
HAS ADDED ADVANTAGE OF PROVIDING MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY FOR
NEW OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MAY DEVELOP DURING THE YEAR. KISSINGER

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